



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

**Meeting Date:** 10.22.2010

**Meeting Location:** Avon Town Hall  
6570 E. US Hwy 36  
Avon, IN 46123

### **Council Members Present:**

Char Burkett-Sims – DCS Region 9 Regional Manager; Sally Berish – Commissioner, Boone County Circuit Court; Pat Baldwin – Hendricks County Prosecutor; Shelly Chadd – Director, Putnam County DCS; Taren Duncan – Director, Morgan County DCS; Carlos Shrewsbury – Director, Montgomery County DCS; Kamilla Aeschliman – Director, Boone County DCS; Jane Christophersen, Montgomery County CASA Director; Waylon James – FCM, Morgan County DCS; Tim Haltom – FCM, Putnam County DCS; Stephanie Kerner – Foster Parent

### **Guests Present:**

Bob Daugherty – Regional Finance Manager; Rhonda Allen – Director, Hendricks County DCS; Mark Fairchild – Community Partners; Garnet Holsapple – Supervisor, Morgan County; Dustin Baker – FCM, Boone County DCS; Mark Davy – FCM, Morgan County DCS; Pascal Fettig – Boone County Mental Health; Jane Taylor – Boone County Mental Health; Jeff Catlett – Resource, Resolute, Options; Gail Kibiger – Hamilton Center; Chanda Benson – Children's Sanctuary; Dennis Wimer – Lutheran Family Services; Yvette Hampton – Wernle; Darrell Gordon – Wernle; Rich Lapinsky – IUMCH; Anna Cedars – Family Interventions; Dale Crowder – Wabash Valley Hospital; George Hurd – Resolute

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM**

### **Meeting Minutes from 8.27.10:**

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting. All members present voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

### **RSC Membership for 2010-2011:**

The following have agreed to serve as members of the Regional Services Council for a term of one year: Judges – All 5 judges will continue to be members. If they are unable to attend, they will send a proxy on their behalf

Boone County Judge - Sally Berish, Boone County Commissioner, will continue to serve as proxy to the Judge.

Pat Baldwin - Prosecutor

CASA - Jane Christophersen

Foster Parent - Stephanie Kerner

(Stephanie will ask if there are any other foster parents available. Kalay Colley has offered to continue her membership if needed)

Parent - Kelly Smith Perry

Youth - Kaetlynn Mills

DCS Members: Will be finalized and be announced at the next meeting.

**Regional Financial Report:**

The budget for Region 9 is 6.8 million. The region has so far spent 1.3 million, 5% under. The region is at 19.5 % of the budget. That should not go over 25%. In a budget comparison to last year, Region 9 is 25% under what was spent last year.

Boone County is 58% under from last year.

Hendricks County is \_\_\_ under from last year.

Montgomery County is 45% under from last year

Morgan County is 25 % above from last year.

Putnam County is 50% under from last year.

**Community Partners Update:**

This has been a busy season with school referrals. Mark will be traveling around meeting with DCS offices and probation.

Putnam County has a staff opening. They still have workers in place taking referrals.

This coming Sunday is the Hendricks County Kids Fair at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville from 12 PM- 4 PM. It is a free event with entertainment and food.

Let Mark Fairchild know if there is anything you would like to see such as workshops, events, or other activities.

There is about \$20,000 set aside for community events, the provider expo takes up a large part of that.

There is also a "Material relief" fund for utility funds (only after all other resources used).

Mark has asked that the council think about how to utilize funds. They are hoping that prevention funds will go up. There will be a Steering Committee Meeting in mid November. Services providers and DCS will be going over how funds are being utilized.

**Procurement for Services:**

There will be a new cycle there will be a need for discussion on how we want to contract for services.

All Community Mental Health Providers will be first choice for Medicaid Rehab Option. All are contracted but some are not participating.

Recommendations will still come through the Regional Services Council. We will be looking at the process and see how we would like to continue.

Council members can also be thinking about what services we need.

One suggestion was juvenile IOP "Intensive Outpatient Program" All counties need this service.

Another suggestion was the need for hair follicle drug screens, for less evasive testing.

Sally Berish also suggested testing for K-2. Sally provided information for the lab that Boone county uses- Bio-Tech in California, ask for K-2 testing. The phone number is 877-444-0049. They also do other drug screens.

**Practice Indicators:**

The practice indicators were distributed at the meeting and discussed.

**Foster Care Updates:**

Sara Middendorf was introduced as the newest Foster Care Specialist for Region 9, serving Montgomery County and part of Boone County.

In the past weeks there was an event for Books for Youth Event (Through Cargo Services and the Colts) Colts player, Melvin Bullit, passed out book bags filled with 25 books to the foster youth that attended, Blue and Colts cheerleaders were also there and Blue did a presentation for the kids.

They hope to have collected 500,000 by the Colts game in November and whoever brings the 500,000<sup>th</sup> book to the game will get to go on the stage at half time. Contact the local DCS office for book collection sites. They are collecting new or gently used books.

There will be a Monday night committee meeting. They would like to start a mentoring program for foster families. Foster parents that have experience and have a strong voice will be asked to be mentors to foster families. They would like to do a meet and greet with the foster families in the region. They would like for these mentor foster parents to run the support groups. The Foster Care Specialists would come to the meetings on a quarterly basis. They will be making a short and simple resource guide. The current resource guide is overwhelming, having over 100 pages.

They are also hoping to set up a community library for foster parents.

**December Meeting:**

Due to the next meeting date falling during the holidays, it was decided that the next meeting will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 AM at the Avon Town Hall.

**Other:****Respite Program:**

Stephanie Kerner has been getting money from the community to keep the program running. They may need more funding to keep it going. They have a 37-40 kids right now and can't take anymore at this time. They are running low on funds. All of the staff are volunteers. Stephanie stated that \$3500 could run the program for 1 year. The issue with DCS funding the program is that there isn't a service standard for respite.

If interested in seeing how they operate, you are welcome to come on a Saturday night to see how it is going. The next will be on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6PM-10PM at the Flip Zone in Plainfield.

There is also a Gymnastics program for autistic kids if anyone is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

**Next Meeting Date:** December 17, 2010

**Time:** 9:00 AM

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